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tain names which, by the consent of the hon. members, I have left out of the return. I still feel that there are other reports that we have not been able to find. However, we have not been able to find them. Then there is another one dated May 6, 1953, Mr. Cardiff, C-5 flights, since January 1, 1951.

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CO-OPERATION OF MEMBERS—TRIBUTES TO  
MR. SPEAKER

**Mr. Speaker:** May I say that it will be necessary for us to wait a few minutes at least until we have a report from the Senate with respect to the supply bill. May I take this opportunity of thanking all hon. members for the splendid co-operation which they have given me during my term as Speaker of the House of Commons. I can say with the deepest sincerity that the co-operation and kindness which I have received at all times from members from both sides of the house have made my term of office extremely pleasant, and an experience which I shall remember and prize for the rest of my life.

When we return from the Senate I shall be happy indeed to greet the members of the House of Commons and the members of the press gallery so that I can wish them all many happy returns.

**Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of members of the official opposition, I should like to thank you for the words you have just expressed to us. I suppose that the members of the various opposition parties are the ones who usually wonder about the actions of the Speaker. That result follows from our position to Your Honour's left. But may I say that throughout the whole of your term of office we have regarded you as being eminently fair, deeply understanding and with a fine sense of humour which has saved trouble on many occasions. Furthermore, and perhaps best of all, we regard you as a firm friend. We wish you the very best of luck in whatever endeavours you may undertake in the future.

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of those associated with me, I want to endorse every word the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra (Mr. Green) has just said. After all, those of us who sit in the opposition realize that the Speaker is an extremely important person in the House of Commons, and that one of his primary duties is to protect the rights of the minority. You have done that admirably, may I say. I feel that all members of the house, on all sides, owe you a great debt of gratitude for the manner in which you have conducted the business of this house.

May I say too that I wish to express our thanks to the Deputy Speaker and to the deputy chairman of committees, both of whom have deputized for you from time to time and have done so with acceptance and with dignity. We join in wishing you long years in which to remember the distinguished position you have held as the first commoner of Canada. Long may you enjoy it.

**Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River):** I certainly do wish to join with all that has been said by the other two speakers who have preceded me, in expressing thanks to you for the exceptional service you have rendered as the Speaker of this house. Your eminent fairness, your kindness and consideration at all times have won you warm, loyal and lasting friends amongst whom I hope I shall always be one. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I also wish to say a word about the Deputy Speaker and the deputy chairman of committees. I doubt that we have ever seen in this house a stronger and more capable group of chairmen of committees. Certainly that has been my experience, and this year will go down in history.

I join with others, Mr. Speaker, in wishing you long years of contented happiness, and I think I can safely say real achievement as well.

**Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour):** I am sure it is a great pleasure for all the rest of us, Mr. Speaker, in this chamber to join in the words that have been so well said by the Acting Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Green), the leader of the C.C.F. party (Mr. Coldwell) and the leader of the Social Credit party (Mr. Low). It has been to all of us—and this makes it unanimous—a pleasure to sit in this house during the tenure of office of yourself, of the Deputy Speaker and of the deputy chairman of committees, because we always knew that no matter how hot the flare-up would be, after you had given your careful consideration, thought and study to it the result would be a sincere expression of sound opinion on your part, designed to carry the business of the house forward in a dignified and well conceived manner.

We on the government side of the house would like to join with all the others in thanking you and your deputy and the deputy chairman of committees for that example which you have set to future holders of the offices that you have adorned during this parliament.

(Translation):

**Mr. L. D. Tremblay (Dorchester):** Mr. Speaker, even though, because of the very